

Chalkboard Notes



FRIENDS OF GILLESPIE COUNTY COUNTRY SCHOOLS, INC.

Open House Schedule:

Aug 17— Luckenbach 111chool

3566 Luckenbach Road 11:00 to 4:00

Sept 15—Lower South Grape Creek

10273 East US Highway 290 11:00 to 4:00

Oct 19—Rheingold School

334 Rheingold School Road . 11:00 to 4:00

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GILLESPIE COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The GCHS will house scanned archives in a specific container with the School History Notebooks completed by Friends in 2016. Historic school archives are actively being scanned by the Friends. Placing documents at the Historical Society affords easier public access. Evelyn Weinheimer of GCHS reported 124 requests received in 2018 for historic school documents and information. Evelyn serves as an Advisor to Friends of Gillespie County Executive Board of Directors. Her service knowledge and insight is much appreciated.

FRIENDS ENDOWMENT

The endowment was established by Dr. Alice White in late 2015 with \$7,500.

Balance today is \$13,916.58. Contributors in 2019: Mr. & Mrs. Keith Sharpe, Ms. Lauren Bade, Mr. & Mrs. Ron Woellhof. Friends' QUARTER CHALLENGE raised \$268.11, with HELEN FELLER, winner, of the challenge and a loaf of homemade bread. Others participating were: Pecan Creek, Nebgen, Rheingold, and Crabapple Schools plus Mable Wilke, Raynell Wilke, Jeanette Beckmann, and one anonymous donor. THANK YOU ENDOWMENT SUPPORTERS...giving historic schools a future!

BEGIN NEW QUARTER JAR FOR 2019-20.

We'll count quarters at Friends' 2020 April Barbecue.



Wrede School Journaling Workshop

The Journaling Workshop held on Saturday, April 17 at Wrede School was a success! Thanks for all who helped with this event and all who attended. Should we do this again? Facilitator Rhonda Wiley-Jones has offered to return.



News from the Schools



Original **Crabapple School Bell**, c. 1878, hung at 1968 HemisFair World's Fair and continued at Institute of Texan Cultures for several years before returning the bell to **Crabapple School**.

WILLOW CITY School completed and installed one of two new bookcases to safely store over 500 hundred schoolbooks. Cases have glass doors which lock.

Dr. Jim Lindley and Mr. Scott unloading part of the bookcase at **Willow City School**.



CAVE CREEK School reported the addition of a new refrigerator/freezer.



WILLIAMS CREEK SCHOOL members accomplished a major goal in 2019, with the installation of eight new energy efficient windows in the original stone school replacing the 1950's aluminum windows. Maintenance done was the replacement of restroom fixtures, repair of the water heater, and the installation of a water softener. There was touch up painting on the outside of the restrooms, the repainting of the railing between the restroom and school, and touch up work on the wooden windows in the tin part of the school, and the repair and painting of the cupola.

Friends GCCS member of Country School Association of America

Thirteen Gillespie country schools are listed on the CSAA national registry and have CSAA Markers. June 2020 the annual CSAA Conference will be held in Golden, Colorado. Learn more: www.countryschoolassociation.org and begin your plans to attend.



Readers and Members: Please give your suggestions for CHALKBOARD Notes; we want to serve you better.

Contact Directors-at-Large, Jane Woellhof at 830-990-8059 or Don Spraggins at 830-456-3956, to submit newsletter items.

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